

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROBATION DEPARTMENT



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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVAL OF REALLOCATION OF SECOND YEAR JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT (JJCPA) FUNDS

(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTE)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- Approve the attached plan to reallocate approximately \$1.45 million in Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002-2003 to enable the Probation Department to expend and/or encumber the full funding allocation within legislative timelines.
- Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to modify existing contracts with Community Based Organizations (CBOs) which will change the scope of work, allow agencies to spend their second year allocation by June 30, 2004, and increase contract amounts above the current 25% delegated authority, consistent with the attached plan and upon approval as to form by County Counsel.
- 3. Find that the JJCPA Youth Internship Project described in Attachment I continues to be in the public interest for the purpose of gang and delinquency prevention.
- 4 Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to modify existing interagency agreements with other County Departments and various government agencies to provide services consistent with the attached plan, upon approval as to form by County Counsel.

PROBATION: PROTECTION, CORRECTION, SERVICE

- 5. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to allocate \$600,000 in Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act reallocation funding to Community and Senior Services for the purpose of implementing a program under the Comprehensive Multi-Agency Justice Plan (Plan).
- 6. Authorize the negotiation and execution of agreements by Community and Senior Services with several of their current contractors' to provide JJCPA services consistent with the Plan, after County Counsel approval as to form, effective upon Board approval through June 30, 2004.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The purpose of recommendation number one is to reallocate approximately \$1.45 million in second year funds to community based organizations and other County departments currently providing services under the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA). Several JJCPA programs are projected to under-expend their allocations. Consequently, a reallocation of funds to JJCPA service providers, including the Probation Department, is necessary to allow the timely and appropriate expenditure and/or encumbrance of funds within legislative deadlines.

As a result of the proposed reallocation, several contracts and interagency agreements will require modifications to increase their current allocation and/or modify their scope of work. Recommendation number two will authorize the Probation Department to make these required modifications. The scope of work modifications include continuing the JJCPA Youth Internship Project, allowing agencies to spend their second year allocation by June 30, 2004, and an enhancement to the current services provided by the Department of Community and Senior Services (CSS).

Recommendation number three relates to a change in the scope of work for several CBOs relative to the JJCPA Youth Internship Project (YIP). On June 11, 2002, your Board made a finding that the YIP is in the public interest because it provides ganginvolved and at-risk youth an opportunity to participate in employment and community service projects. Several JJCPA gang intervention services providers implemented the program during the summer of 2002. Due to its success, Probation

is recommending that the program be funded on a year-round basis utilizing the reallocated funds. The program is described in Attachment I.

Recommendation number four requests delegated authority be given to the Chief Probation Officer to finalize and execute contract modifications with the affected CBOs and other government agencies.

Recommendations five and six will allow Probation to modify its existing memorandum of understanding (MOU) with CSS to allocate an additional \$600,000 to CSS to enhance services currently provided. The MOU will assign to CSS the responsibility of contracting with previously procured youth services providers to provide the necessary services in accordance with the Plan. The services may include paid work experience, internships, and on-the-job training. These services will commence upon Board approval during FY 2002-2003 and continue through FY 2003-2004. CSS concurs with the recommendation and has indicated its ability to effectively contract with the necessary service providers in accordance with the terms of the MOU.

As mandated by the legislation, the proposed reallocations and services have been discussed with the State Board of Corrections (BOC).

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended Board actions are consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Service Excellence Goal #1 and Children and Families' Well-Being Goal #5. Implementation of the recommendations will enable the Department to coordinate, collaborate and integrate services for the youth and their families across functional and jurisdictional boundaries. These services will be beneficial and responsive to youth on probation and their families. Further, they will improve their well-being and promote self-sufficiency.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

On May 6, 2002, BOC approved the Los Angeles County plan to expend \$32,742,714 on juvenile justice programs. Approved funds must be expended or encumbered by June 30, 2003. Encumbered funds must be liquidated by June 30, 2005. The funds were allocated to several programs, consistent with the Plan, several of which are projected to under-expend their allocation by the required deadline. The attached reallocation plan includes these funds. The recommended funding reallocations are one-time only increases. The proposed actions will not require any additional net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

JJCPA authorized BOC to use \$116,300,000 statewide for juvenile justice programs in all participating counties. Los Angeles County's second year allocation is \$32,742,714. Funding eligibility under JJCPA required each county to submit to the BOC a Plan for expending the funds.

On April 26, 2002, your Board authorized the Chief Probation Officer to finalize the Plan and apply to BOC for JJCPA funding. On May 6, 2002, the Probation Department received confirmation that BOC approved the Plan and sent authorization to the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller for the release of funds.

These funds are to be expended and/or encumbered by June 30, 2003. Encumbered funds must be liquidated by June 30, 2005. Any unspent/unencumbered funds must be returned to the State. The recommended actions will allow the County to expend and/or encumber the funds by the set deadline and in the most appropriate manner.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

Since the implementation of the JJCPA Plan, your Board has approved contracting with several CBOs and government agencies utilizing JJCPA funds. Contracts with these CBOs have been extended utilizing the Chief Probation Officer's delegated

authority, and awarded through the Request for Proposals (RFP) process, and when appropriate, on a sole source basis. Additionally, interagency agreements have been negotiated and executed with government agencies consistent with the Plan approved by the BOC. Approved services are currently being provided through the collaborative efforts of these contracted CBOs and government agencies. Attachment II identifies the proposed contract modifications.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The reallocation of JJCPA funds will result in the provision of enhanced services and allow the expenditure of these funds in a timely and appropriate manner. The enhanced services will continue to be provided through the collaborative efforts of government agencies and community-based organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

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Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Dept of Community and Senior Citizens
Dept of Mental Health